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FISHERY UPDATE



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2013 Point Gardner and Kingsmill Test Fisheries Update #3

Both the Point Gardner and Kingsmill Point test fisheries were conducted on Friday, July 19, 2013. The results of the test fisheries are summarized in the following.

Point Gardner: Four of the seven scheduled sets were completed. The pink salmon catch per set was well above average for this week; however, chum salmon catch per set was below average. The pink salmon sex ratio was 66% male, which is average for week 29. Chum salmon were not sampled for sex ratios this test fishing period.

Kingsmill: Friday's test fishery was the first test fishery at Kingsmill Point this year. Seven of the seven scheduled sets were completed. Like Pt. Gardner, the pink salmon catch per set was well above average for this week; however, chum salmon catch per set was below average. The pink salmon sex ratio was 72% male, which is above average for week 29. Chum salmon were not sampled for sex ratios this test fishing period.

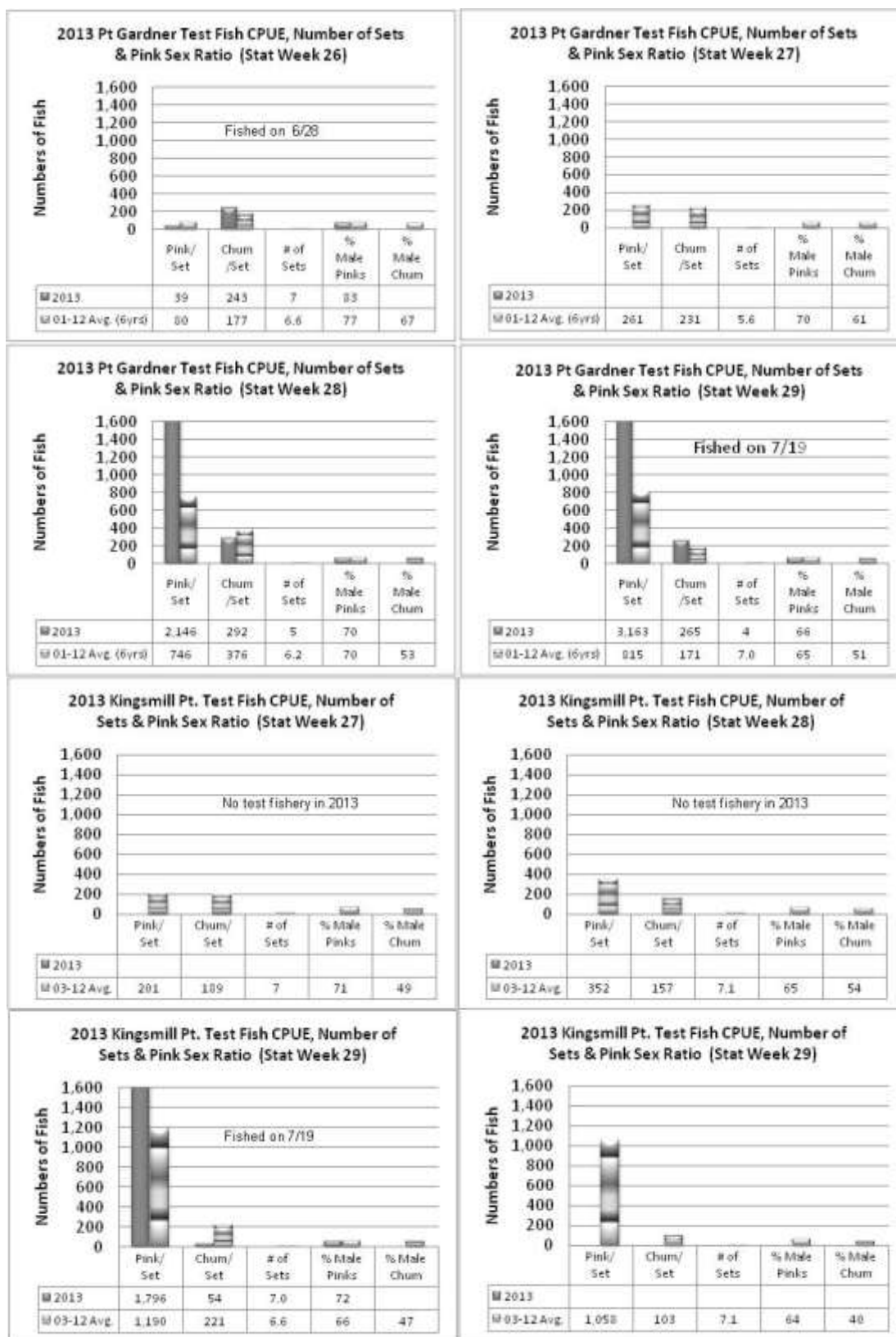
Run Strength: The pink salmon run passing by the test fisheries appears to be strong based on the above average catches and that Friday's test fishery at Point Gardner was the second consecutive test fishery with well above average catches for the time of year.

Sex Ratio Sampling: Sex ratio sampling is used as a tool in determining run timing. Numbers of males are higher during the first half of the run and females are more numerous during the last half of the run. Comparing this year's percentage of males in the fishery this week, to the historical average, provides an indication of whether the run is earlier, later or similar in run timing to previous returns. The Point Gardner test fishery sex ratio was average indicating the pink salmon run timing is normal and the Kingsmill Point test fishery sex ratio was above average indicating earlier run timing.

Average Weights:

- Pt. Gardner: pinks: 3.4 pounds; chums: 7.2 pounds.
- Kingsmill Pt: pinks: 3.1 pounds; chums: 7.1 pounds.

Next Test Fisheries: Both test fisheries are scheduled for Monday, July 22.



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